Omnibus Committee to monitor schemes for Dalits

4150. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formed an Omnibus Committee to oversee implementation of different programmes and schemes under various Ministries and Departments related to welfare of Dalits; and

(b) whether the Committee would eliminate similar programme of different Ministries overlapping each other for optimum utilisation of scarce fund allocations meant for Dalit welfare programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBALAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) A Committee of Ministers of Dalit Affairs has been constituted and the terms of reference, *inter-alia,* states that multiplicity of schemes should be reduced and effective schemes should betaken up for the welfare of Scheduled Castes.

Inclusion of certain tribes in the list of Arunachal tribes

4151. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any recommendation from the Government of Arunachal Pradesh regarding amendments to the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950 seeking inclusion of certain tribes in the list of Arunachal tirbes;

(b) whether such recommendations suggest substitution of the term of certain tribes like 'DEFLA' by 'NYISHI' and 'ABOR' by 'ADI'; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to remove such infirmities in the order?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) The proposal seeking inclusion/substitution of certain tribes in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Arunachal Pradesh has been received from the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has recommended for substitution of the term of certain tribes including tribes like 'DAFLA' by NYISHI' and 'ABOR' by 'ADI'.

(c) The proposal has been processed as per the approved modalities.